

### Civic Leader, Contractor Dies in Airplane Crash

Youth lost a friends Saturday when a chain of events ended in the death of Basil E. Cunningham following an airplane crash in Delano.

Cunningham, a prominent youth organizer and a Rolling Hills Estates contractor with offices in Torrance, died in a Delano hospital shortly after he was pulled from his 310 Cessna which crashed about 500 yards south of the Delano airport.

Along with his two sons and a friend, Cunningham had driven to the Delano area for a weekend camping trip when his camper broke down.

He flew back to Torrance

with a friend, and although he seldom flew at night, was returning to Delano in his small plane with an axle for his camper-truck when the plane crashed.

A WITNESS reported a flash of fire just before the crash, but the Civil Aviation Board has yet to determine the cause of the fatal crash.

Cunningham was a former director of the Hollywood Riviera Rotary Club and originator and chairman of the club's program to build a youth center in El Retiro Park and donate it to the city of Torrance.

He had been pushing the

project for more than a year and had recently won city approval to begin. He was supposed to start on the ground-breaking last Monday.

CUNNINGHAM encouraged the Victor Woman's Club in Torrance to duplicate the youth center in Victor Park and donate it to the city.

The women's club adopted the project and recently had it approved by the city council.

The contractor, who lived at 3354 Empty Saddle Road, Rolling Hills Estates, maintained his office at 24453 Hawthorn Blvd., Torrance.

ROSARY WAS held at 8 p.m.

Tuesday in St. Lawrence Martyr Catholic Church, Redondo Beach, and Requiem Mass was recited yesterday in the same church.

Cunningham was buried in Holy Cross Cemetery.

His family asked, in lieu of ending flowers, that friends donate toward the youth center in El Retiro Park.

Donations may be made through the Hollywood Riviera Rotary Club.

As if you could kill time without injuring eternity! — Henry David Thoreau.

### Language Courses Given 'Status' at El Camino

Complete transfer credit will be given by UCLA, USC, and the state colleges for conversational language courses completed at El Camino College, Harry Ruby, assistant director of instruction, announced this week.

Conversation courses were formerly used only for credit toward graduation but may now be used to fill credit gaps on the university level.

"This will enable students to round out their language in an area of less formal training than found in regular language courses," Ruby said.

These courses will be listed as 21 a, b, c, and d. in the college catalogue and will be offered every semester.

### Iowans Hold Annual Picnic

The Iowa Assn. of Long Beach will hold its 57th annual picnic on Saturday at Recreation Park in Long Beach.

Entertainment has been planned. Registration will be by county and college. The program will begin at 1:30 p.m.



AT BANDSHELL . . . The Classicgals, a new barbershop quartet, will be one of the featured groups in Sunday's concert at the Torrance Park Bandshell. Pictured here are Jodi Harris (left), Connie George (top center), Jan Fell (bottom center), and Martha Northup. The program is part of the Torrance Recreation Department's "Music for a Summer Sunday" series.

### El Camino Budget at \$9,700,000

A budget of \$9,714,073 was adopted by the El Camino College Board of Trustees at a meeting Monday evening. The budget for fiscal 1963 includes \$4,225,791 in capital outlays.

The new budget is \$1,225,000 higher than the 1962 budget of \$8,061,248.

In adopting the budget, the trustees pointed out the increase in cost per student at the college. This year's figure is expected to be \$682.99, or about \$62 more than the figure for last year.

Salary increases and jumps in the price of equipment and materials for the college were cited as the main reason for the jump in the budget.

The capital outlay budget includes \$700,000 for site improvement, and \$3,017,847 for new buildings. Three buildings are under construction on the campus at this time.

### Quartets Featured In Concert

There will be some song in the air at Torrance Park Bandshell Sunday afternoon as the Torrance Recreation Department presents another in the series of concerts "Music for a Summer Sunday."

Featured in this week's show slated to begin at 2 p.m., will be the Manhattaners, the Classicgals, and On-Chords. All three quartets are from local organizations.

The Classicgals is a new group, organized this year as a member of the Sweet Adelines, and international barbershop harmony group for women.

The other two groups are members of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America.

### Two Added To Airport Day Group

Appointment of two additional subcommittee chairmen was announced yesterday by Glenn H. Child, chairman of the Torrance Airport Days Committee.

Frank Compton, representing The Air Museum, will head the Military Aircraft committee, and Gene Burgett will direct activities of the Air Rides committee. Both subcommittees come under the direction of E. G. Kidwell, chairman of the Exhibits committee.

Outlining part of their respective programs, Compton stated he will provide operational military aircraft produced during the 1932-44 era, including fighters and bombers, and Burgett said he will invite fixed based operators at Torrance Municipal Airport to join together in providing air rides for the general public at the annual Airport Days celebration, Sept. 29 and 30.

The Beech, Bellanca, Cessna, and Piper companies plan to display their latest model aircraft at the event, Chairman Child reported.

AN ADDITIONAL taste of the past will be present in a display of World War I type aircraft by Frank Tallman, Jack Egan, chairman of the Facilities Committee, disclosed.

Aviators as well as the general public will be invited to attend a "Fly-In Breakfast," Child stated, "which is slated for Sept. 30 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Another feature of the event will be the screening of the circa 1940 motion picture of the airstrip which became the forerunner to the present Torrance Municipal Airport.

Local aerospace industries will be invited to provide photographic displays depicting the various aviation and space products manufactured in Torrance and the Southwest area.

### Auditions Slated at Footlight

Footlight Theater will audition for its next production "Ninotchka," Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, Aug. 13th, 14th and 15th at 7:30 p.m. at 18000 Prairie Ave. (house in rear.)

Director Gordon See states the play is scheduled to be staged in October in the arena style. "Ninotchka," written by Melchior Lengyel is a timely comedy about a cold Russian commissar who is changed into a warm lovely young woman by the city of lights, Paris.

"Silk Stockings," the long-running Broadway musical, was based upon this prize-winning play.

Further information may be obtained by phoning See at PL 4-1689.

### Torrance Student Receives Degree From Iowa State

Robert LeVier, 1430 W. 227th St., Torrance, joined some 770 students who received degrees from Iowa State University last night during summer commencement exercises.

LeVier received a bachelor or Arts degree in zoology.

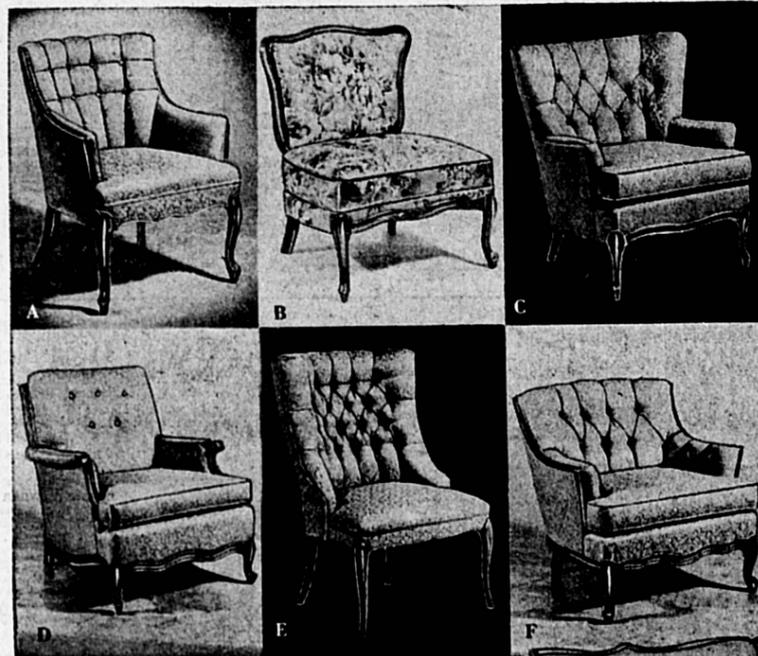
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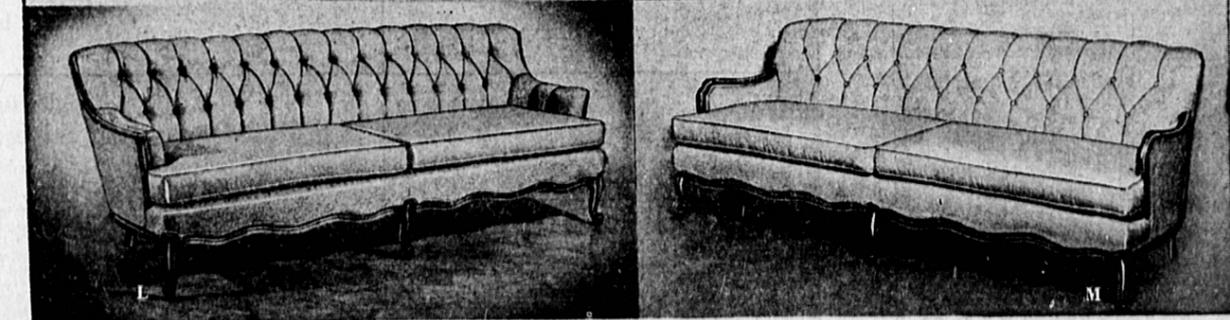
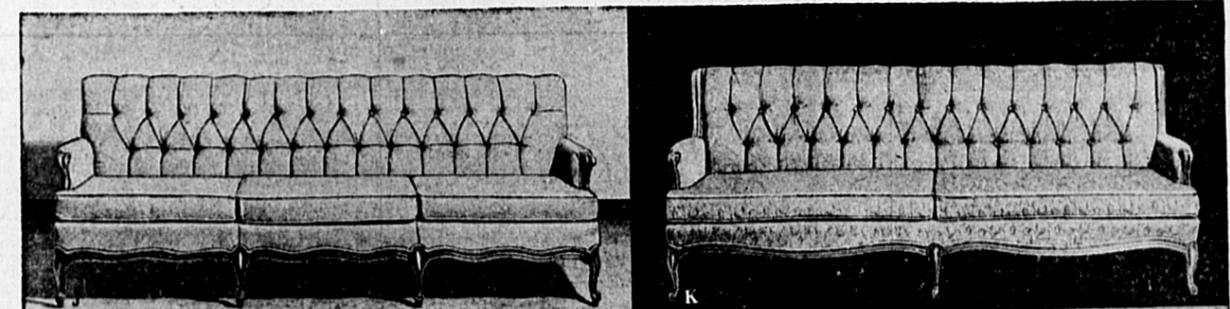
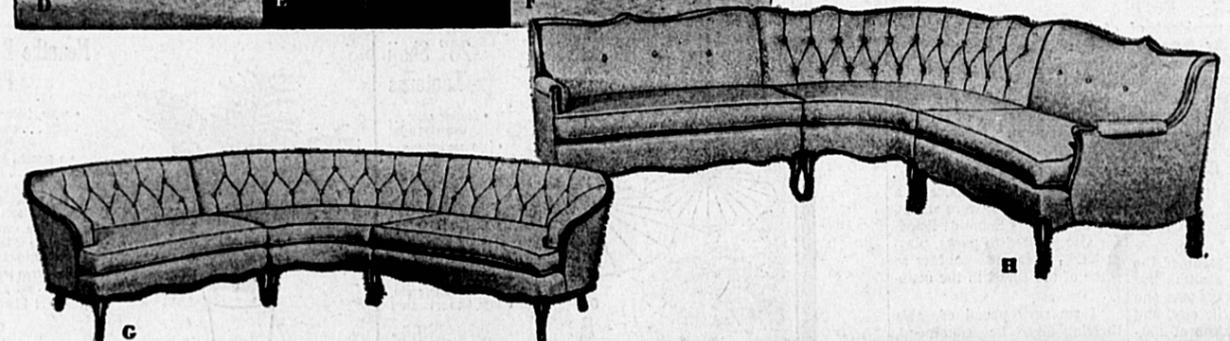
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